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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The filter pit of claim 12 wherein the primary filter consists of a screen.

Claim 3 (Original) The filter pit of claim 2 wherein the screen has apertures of approximately 5.5mm in size.

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The filter pit of claim 12 wherein the secondary filter has a screen with apertures of approximately 955 microns in size.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The filter pit of claim 7 wherein the tertiary filter has apertures approximately 5 micron in size.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The filter pit of claim 12 having a tapered peripheral wall.

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Claim 10 (Original) The filter pit of claim 9 wherein the peripheral wall is stepped.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The filter pit of claim 9 wherein the peripheral wall has a lip at an upper end and a lid is received over the lip.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) A filter pit for receiving water from a catchment area and for directing the water to a storage tank, the pit having a peripheral wall, at least one inlet adjacent an upper portion of the pit[,,] and at least one outlet for water adjacent to a floor of the pit[,,]; a baffle inside the pit extending inwardly from the peripheral wall separating the pit into upper and lower chambers, a primary filter removably resting within the pit and ~~removably~~ located above the baffle, a carrier removably received and resting on the baffle and having a lower portion and an upper portion[,,]; a secondary filter within the pit at a location below the baffle, the secondary filter being received by the carrier and held above the lower portion of the carrier, the secondary filter receiving water which passes through the primary filter, a tertiary filter within the pit and secured to the lower portion of the carrier to suspend the tertiary filter from the carrier and to hold the tertiary filter above the floor of the pit, the tertiary filter receiving water from the secondary filter, the baffle being located between the primary filter and the floor of the pit, whereby progressively smaller particles are filtered from the water and drains from the pit through the outlet with the tertiary filter, which tertiary filter is supported in spaced relation above the floor of the pit to dry out when water flow through the pit ceases.

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Claim 13 **(Previously Presented)** The filter pit of claim 11 wherein the peripheral wall is stepped.

Claim 14 **(Previously Presented)** The filter pit of claim 3 wherein the primary filter rests above and has a filtering zone spaced from the secondary filter.

Claim 15 **(Cancelled)**

Claim 16 **(Currently Amended)** The filter pit of claim ~~15~~ 12 wherein the tertiary filter is bag filter.